

VENEMAN NAMES MEMBERS TO NATIONAL DAIRY BOARD

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Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman today announced the appointment of Grant Kohler of Midway, Utah as one of seven new members to the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board. All will serve three year terms beginning Nov. 1, 2004, through Oct. 31, 2007.

"I am pleased these individuals have agreed to serve on this committee," Veneman said.

Newly appointed were: Deborah D. Dykstra, Caruthers, Calif., (region 2); Linda P. Macedo, Merced, Calif., (region 2); Harvey S. Moranda, Orland, Calif., (region 2); Grant Kohler, Midway, Utah, (region 3); Jose L. Gonzalez, Mesquite, N.M. (region 4); John M. Larson, Okeechobee, Fla., (region 10); and Paula A. Meabon, Wattsburg, Pa., (region 11).

Reappointed to serve second terms were: Marlin J. Rasmussen, St. Paul, Ore., (region 1); Margaret A. Gambonini, Petaluma, Calif., (Region 2); Rosalie M. Geiger, Reedsville, Wis., (region 6); Alice S. Moore, Frazeeburg, Ohio, (region 9); and David E. Hardie, Lansing, N.Y., (region 12).

The National Dairy Promotion and Research Board, composed of 36 dairy farmers representing 13 regions of the contiguous United States, administers a coordinated program of promotion, research and nutrition education.

The board was established by the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983. It is authorized to design programs to strengthen the dairy industry's position in domestic and foreign markets. The national program is financed by a mandatory 15 cent per hundredweight assessment on milk produced in the contiguous 48 states and marketed commercially by dairy farmers. USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service monitors the operation of the board.

Notice: Public Hearing

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) will hold a hearing **Friday, October 29, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at UDAF, 350 North Redwood Road, Salt Lake City, UT 84116. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain public comment on the proposed Food Establishment Registration rule. The rule sets forth requirements and procedures for the registration of food establishments to protect public health and ensure safe food supply.

Background: Due to the increasingly tight State budget constraints, the Utah State Legislature passed House Bill 283 in the spring of 2004. This bill authorized an annual food establishment registration fee. This type of fee program is patterned after similar programs that are currently in use by many other states. The fee schedules are based on parameters established by the Legislature and reflect the size, employee number, and complexity of operations that occur at each food establishment.

The rule can be found on the web at <http://www.ag.utah.gov>. Questions or written comments can be addressed to Becky Shreeve, Food Program Supervisor, Utah Department of Agriculture & Food, Regulatory Services at P. O. Box 146500 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6500, or call (801) 538-7149. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on November 15, 2004.

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UTAH RANCHERS RECEIVE NDM MILK VOUCHERS

PROGRAM UPDATE

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food on October 6, has mailed approximately 500 NDM Vouchers, Instructions, and Approved Feed Dealers List to those livestock producers that have signed up.

Those that have signed up to date represent 496 producers in the 10 the eligible counties and account for 109,238 head of cattle, 159 head of buffalo; 94,149 head of sheep; and 1,044 head of goats. The allocation total for Utah was 7,429,500 pounds of NDM, based on a 30 day supply at 75% of the 2.0 lbs per day (beef and buffalo) and .5 lbs. per day (sheep and goats). Total amount allocated to date is 5,993,786 pounds. This leaves a remaining balance of 1,435,714 yet to be allocated. We will continue to accept applications (herd certification forms) until we use up the remaining allocation, so if you are asked, you can pass this along.

Now that the Vouchers have been mailed out, we will move into the next phase of coordinating and approving shipments to be delivered by USDA. This will involve coordinating with the Feed Dealers/Feedlot Operators and the individual or group of producers that elect to receive it and utilize it in their feeding operations.

More information about the NDM program is available at:
www.ag.utah.gov.



The following is submitted by the US Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service

Small Grain Production

UTAH: Utah production for the 2004 crop year is up for barley, all wheat, winter wheat, other spring wheat and oats, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service. Yields were also up from the 2003 levels for barley, all wheat, winter wheat, and other spring wheat, but down for oats.

In Utah, barley harvested acres were up from 35,000 acres in 2003 to 40,000 acres this year. Yield was up from 80 bushels per acre to 86 bushels per acre resulting in production of 3.44 million bushels, up from 640 thousand bushels from 2003. Winter wheat harvested at 120,000 acres, was down 5,000 acres from 2003, but production was 35,000 bushels higher in 2004. Yield at 43 bushels per acre, was 2 bushels higher than last year. Other spring wheat harvested acres, at 12,000 acres, remained the same as 2003. Production was 696,000 bushels, 26 percent higher than 2003. The yield of 58 bushels per acre was an increase of 12 bushels per acre from the previous year. The 2004 production of oats for grain was up 27 percent from 2003 to 624,000 bushels. Growers harvested 8,000 acres at an average yield of 78 bushels per acre, 4 bushels to the acre less than in 2003.

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All wheat production totaled 2.16 billion bushels in 2004, up 2 percent from the last forecast but 8 percent below 2003. Grain area is 50.2 million acres, down 5 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 43.1 bushels per acre, down 1.1 bushels from a year ago. Levels of production and change from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.50 billion bushels, down 13 percent; other spring wheat, 574 million bushels, up 8 percent; and Durum wheat, 90.5 million bushels, down 6 percent. Oat production is estimated at 117 million bushels, 9 percent below the August 1 forecast and 19 percent below last year's 144 million bushels. The esti-

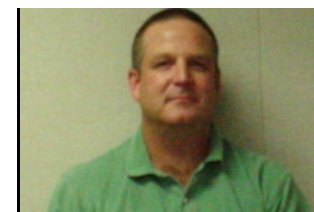
mated yield is 64.5 bushels per acre, down 1.5 bushels from August and down 0.5 bushel from a year ago. Record high yields are estimated in South Dakota and Washington. Harvested area is 1.81 million acres, 7 percent below the August 1 forecast and 19 percent below last year. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend.

Barley production is estimated at 280 million bushels, up 3 percent from the August 1 forecast and up 1 percent from last year. Average yield per acre, at a record high 69.5 bushels, is up 3.8 bushels from the last forecast and 10.6 bushels above 2003.

The area harvested for grain is estimated at 4.03 million acres, down 3 percent from August and 15 percent below a year ago. The increase from the previous production forecast is mostly due to Montana, where harvested area is up 50,000 acres and the yield increased by 8 bushels per acre. For Idaho, North Dakota, and Washington, yields increased from August but are more than offset by decreases in the harvested acreage, resulting in lower production.

New Employees

Darin Worden is Regulatory Services' new **Compliance Officer**. Darin comes to the department from ATC Associates where he was a Branch Manager.



Delia Lopez is Regulatory Services' new **Account Tech II**. Delia previously was the Office Coordinator for Dr. Patrick D. Coriz

